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Spain

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. Spain would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm, in line with its national report for the second cycle and its oral presentation of the report on 21 January 2015, its commitment to the universal periodic review as an instrument which has proved to be of great value in promoting and protecting human rights globally.

2. The Spanish State has carefully considered and assessed the 189 recommendations it received during the second cycle of the universal periodic review. All of the ministries with relevant responsibilities took part in the exercise, and consultations were held with civil society. The Ombudsman was kept fully informed of the process. As a result, I am pleased to announce that Spain accepts, in full or in part, 174 recommendations.

3. With a view to increasing the transparency of the acceptance, in full or in part, and the noting by Spain of the 189 recommendations received, and in line with the model used by other States in the context of the universal periodic review, this report is accompanied by an annex setting out the reasons for each decision.

4. The recommendations that Spain accepts in full are those whose underlying spirit or principle we support and which we are in a position to implement. This category also includes recommendations that have already been implemented or that relate to ongoing measures, without in any way implying that we regard the efforts made to date to be insufficient.

5. Recommendations that Spain accepts in part are those whose spirit and principle we support, but which can only be partially implemented because of legal, budgetary or constitutional issues. This category also includes recommendations whose underlying principle we support but where we differ as to how they may best be achieved, and composite recommendations where it is possible to accept one element while rejecting the other. Furthermore, we accept in part those recommendations whose underlying principle we support and which we will continue to pursue, but in respect of which we do not accept that our efforts to date are insufficient or do not constitute good practice.

6. Recommendations that Spain notes are those that we cannot undertake to implement at this juncture, whether or not we agree with the underlying principles.

7. Spain will keep the Working Group informed of the progress made in a midterm report.

Recommendations accepted

8. Spain supports the following recommendations: 131.10, 131.11, 131.12, 131.13, 131.14, 131.15, 131.16, 131.17, 131.18, 131.19, 131.20, 131.22, 131.23, 131.24, 131.25, 131.26, 131.27, 131.28, 131.29, 131.31, 131.32, 131.33, 131.34, 131.35, 131.36, 131.38, 131.39, 131.40, 131.41, 131.42, 131.43, 131.44, 131.46, 131.47, 131.48, 131.49, 131.50, 131.51, 131.54, 131.55, 131.56, 131.57, 131.60, 131.62, 131.63, 131.65, 131.66, 131.67, 131.68, 131.69, 131.70, 131.71, 131.72, 131.73, 131.74, 131.75, 131.76, 131.77, 131.78, 131.79, 131.80, 131.81, 131.82, 131.83, 131.84, 131.85, 131.86, 131.87, 131.88, 131.89, 131.90, 131.91, 131.92, 131.93, 131.94, 131.96, 131.101, 131.102, 131.103, 131.104, 131.105, 131.106, 131.107, 131.109, 131.110, 131.111, 131.112, 131.113, 131.115, 131.116, 131.117, 131.118, 131.119, 131.121, 131.124, 131.126, 131.127, 131.128, 131.129, 131.130, 131.132, 131.133, 131.134, 131.135, 131.140, 131.141, 131.142, 131.143, 131.144, 131.145, 131.152, 131.153, 131.154, 131.155, 131.156, 131.157, 131.158, 131.159, 131.160, 131.161, 131.162, 131.165, 131.166, 131.167, 131.168, 131.169, 131.171, 131.172, 131.174, 131.175, 131.176, 131.177, 131.178, 131.179, 131.181, 131.182, 131.183 and 131.188.

Recommendations accepted in part

9. Spain supports the following recommendations in part: 131.21, 131.37, 131.45, 131.52, 131.53, 131.58, 131.59, 131.61, 131.97, 131.98, 131.99, 131.100, 131.114, 131.120, 131.122, 131.123, 131.125, 131.131, 131.136, 131.137, 131.138, 131.139, 131.146, 131.147, 131.148, 131.149, 131.150, 131.151, 131.163, 131.164, 131.173, 131.180, 131.184, 131.185, 131.186 and 131.187.

Recommendations noted

10. Spain takes note of the following recommendations: 131.1, 131.2, 131.3, 131.4, 131.5, 131.6, 131.7, 131.8, 131.9, 131.30, 131.64, 131.95, 131.108, 131.170 and 131.189.